

February 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to recommend Tanya Blackall, whom I mentored during her EDPR 3100 in the Bachelor of Education program at Thompson Rivers University. Tanya completed her practicum in my Grade 7 classroom, teaching on Fridays between November and December 2024.

One of Tanya's notable strengths was her classroom management. She consistently anticipated student needs, established clear expectations, and maintained respectful, positive relationships with students. Her calm presence and consistency helped create a safe and productive learning environment, even within a complex and diverse Grade 7 classroom.

Tanya planned and taught an engaging poetry unit, introducing students to forms such as couplets, acrostic poems, and diamante poems. Her lessons were creative, well-structured, and intentionally designed to promote student engagement, including thoughtful technology integration.

In addition, Tanya demonstrated strong communication skills, both with students and colleagues. She was receptive to feedback, asked thoughtful questions, and collaborated professionally with staff. Over the course of her practicum, she showed clear growth in differentiation, adapting lessons and supports to meet the varied academic and social-emotional needs of learners in the classroom.

I confidently recommend Tanya Blackall as a capable and dedicated new educator and believe she will be a strong asset to any school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Staci Murray". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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